

Listing of the Claims

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of decreasing IFN- $\gamma$  blood levels ~~preventing an increase in the blood level of IFN- $\gamma$  in a subject at risk of~~ with an elevated IFN- $\gamma$  blood level due to ~~(i) administration of a therapeutic agent~~ for treating multiple sclerosis ~~or (ii) a disease condition,~~ comprising

orally administering an interferon-tau (IFN $\tau$ ) having greater than about 80% homology to ovine interferon-tau ~~to the subject~~ at a dosage of ~~greater than~~  $5 \times 10^8$  between  $6 \times 10^8 - 5 \times 10^{12}$  Units to decrease the subject's IFN- $\gamma$  blood level relative to the IFN- $\gamma$  blood level in the absence of IFN $\tau$  administration.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein said IFN $\tau$  has a sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said orally administering is to a subject ~~has~~ having an elevated IFN- $\gamma$  level due to administration of the therapeutic agent interferon-beta ~~an autoimmune condition, and said orally administering continues during the period of the subject's symptoms.~~

5-11. (Canceled)